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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 22, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAN MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Father Val J. Peter, Executive Director, Girls and Boys Town, Boys Town, Nebraska offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, we come before You on this beautiful morning to ask Your blessing on the House this day. Give light, wisdom, and humility to all Representatives in their work today. May they seek what is best for our people. May they search for what will bring goodness to our world.

Let each this day do one blessed thing for another person. Let each this day ask pardon from another person.

Bless also all of those who are in the service of our beloved country. Keep them safe. Keep them faithful to You and their loved ones.

Finally, Lord, bless all of our children, especially those who are hurt and suffering. Send people to put joy and happiness into their hearts. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TERRY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 115. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that all workers deserve air treatment and safe working conditions, and honoring Dolores Huerta for her commitment to the improvement of working conditions for children, women, and farm worker families.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) for 1 minute and then will recognize up to 10 Members from each side of the aisle for 1 minute.

EXTENDING A WARM WELCOME TO FATHER VAL J. PETER

(Mr. TERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of extending a warm welcome to Father Val J. Peter, our guest chaplain in the House of Representatives today. I also want to thank him for his thoughtful and inspiring prayer.

Father Peter is a native Nebraskan, a Diocesan priest within the Archdiocese of Omaha, and the executive director for Girls and Boys Town USA. He is also one of the foremost advocates for youth in the world and a true friend, effective educator, and caring, surrogate father to thousands of troubled youth and teenagers.

Father Peter oversees Boys Town programs stretching from coast to coast. Last year alone, Father Peter and the Boys Town staff helped brighten the future for more than 37,000 troubled, neglected, and abused children. Father Peter has earned the gratitude of thousands of children and families with his unconditional love, boundless optimism, and unwavering devotion to God.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for my colleagues when I say that we are pleased and honored to have Father Val Peter here with us today.

RESTORING MEMORIAL DAY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

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